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CLEAN MINDS, STRONG BODIES, DETERMINED CHARACTERS, KEEN INTELLECTS.—A MORE EFFICIENT RACE,—THESE ARE THE AIMS OF ATHLETICS

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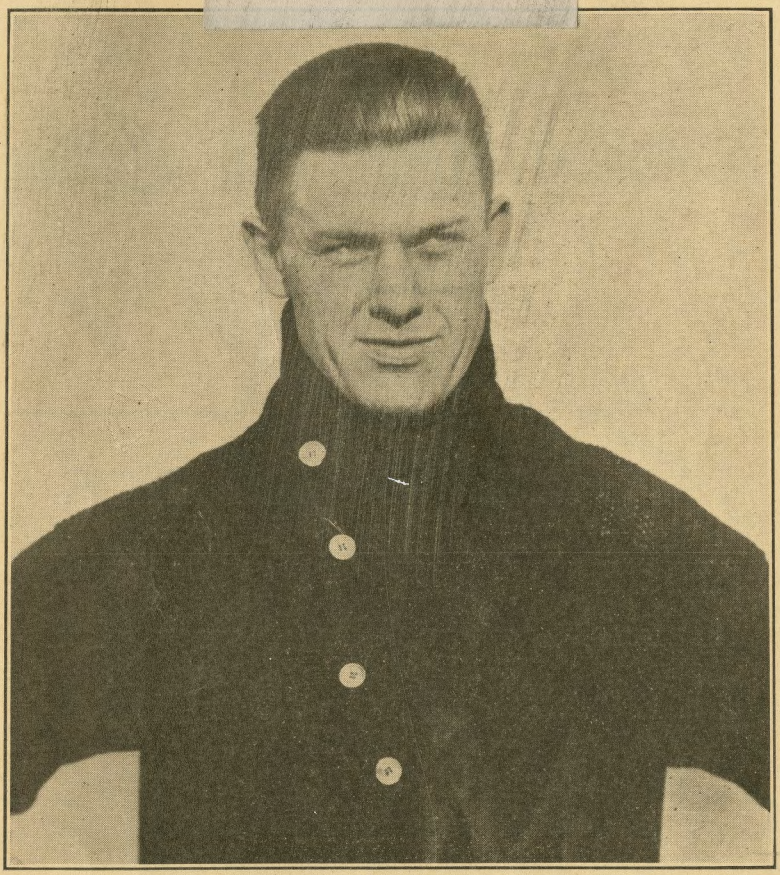

E. R. HINDMAN.

The greatest honor that can come to a college athlete is the captaincy of the football team. This is what has been won by Eddie Hindman by reason of his splendid work at tackle and full back for the last three seasons and because he is the kind of fellow in whom others usually place their confidence.

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HISTORY OF ATHLETICS AT M. A. C.

DUE to the lack of direct authentic sources of information, it has been exceedingly difficult to trace an accurate history of athletics at the Maryland Agricultural College. In the absence of such data it has been necessary to consult with many of the alumni, those who were students during the doubtful periods. To the facts given by them and to some little data gleaned from the "Cadet Review", a monthly paper published by the students from January, 1894, until February, 1895, and the early editions of the "Reveille", the present College annual, the following account of what M. A. C. has done in intercollegiate athletics is due.

Previous to 1890 athletics were not recognized as a part of the curriculum and the only sport in which the College was represented was baseball. Almost since the organization of the institution, anyway since the Civil War, baseball games have taken place at sporadic intervals between this and other schools. There was no direct control of the sport, though, and no schedules were prepared previous to the beginning of the season. Teams were not gotten together and coached, either, and it was simply a case of certain students agreeing to play a game at a mentioned place and picking enough fellows to make up the team.

The only real accomplishment of those early times was that of the baseball team of 1888. This nine went to Annapolis to play St. John's and the Naval Academy. It met St. John's in the morning and the Navy in the afternoon—and won both games. It is very interesting in this connection to note that R. M. Pindell, President of the Alumni Association, was a member of that team.

In the fall of 1890 the foundation of football was laid. Eleven men were gotten together and two games were played, one with Sandy Spring and the other with the Laurel High School. Both were lost. The members of that pioneer eleven were Perry, left end; Calvert, left tackle; Latimer, left guard; Cashell, center; Pue, right guard; Gambrill, right tackle; Towers, right end; Brooks, quarterback; Grove, left halfback; Kemp, right halfback; Manning, full back. The Calvert mentioned as having played left tackle, is George H. Calvert, until recently a member of the Board of Trustees. The eleven of 1891 was composed of practically the same men, played under the same conditions, and had little success.

THE FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM—1892.

There is a great disparity between the first M. A. C. football team that played a regular schedule and the elevens of the present day. The difference in the uniforms excites considerable comment, the suits hardly being what might be termed usable nowadays. This team went through a bad season, as might have been expected. Football games were played in 1890 and 1891, but this was the first regular eleven. The players were: Top row—Fuller, subhalfback; Mitchell, left guard; Wimer, subtackle; second row—Groff, subtackle; Rollins, right halfback; Worthington, fullback; Prough, left halfback; third row—Compton, right end; Skinner, quarterback; Lawson, left tackle; Bannon, left end; Key, Manager; bottom row—Harding, tackle! Pue, center; Wooters, right guard.

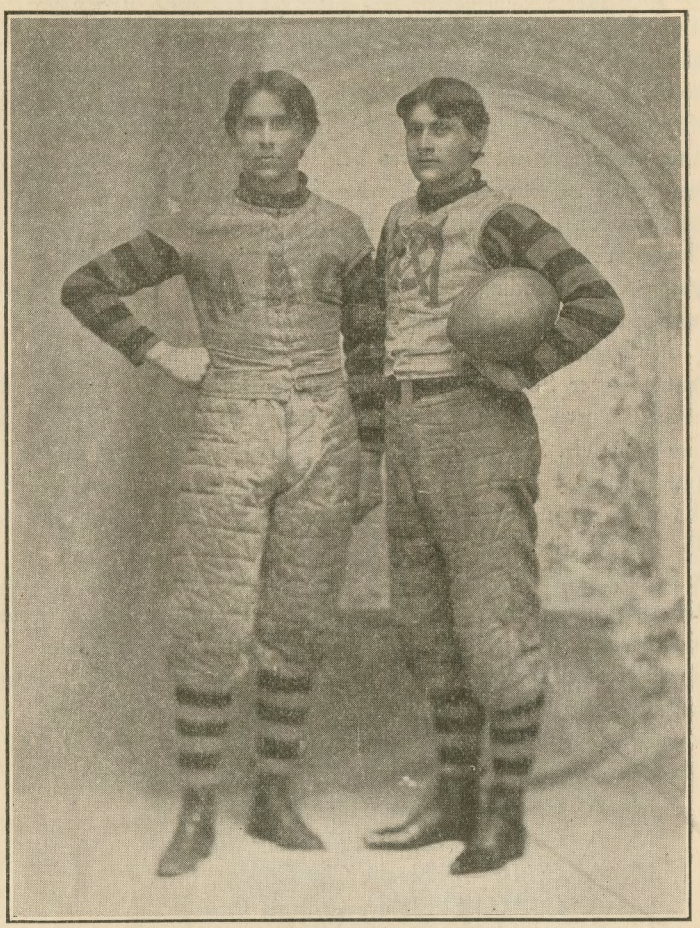
In the fall of 1892 M. A. C. put out the first football team that represented it in games against other college elevens. It was this season that the great rivalry with St. John's and Johns Hopkins was begun, though it is probable that neither of those two schools had the least idea at the time that the institution they defeated so easily would rise to a position of greater prominence in athletics than either of them. St. John's defeated M. A. C. that year by 58 to 0 and Johns Hopkins won by 62 to 0. A photograph of this eleven is reproduced on another page.

The spring of 1893 saw the institution of organized athletics. A meeting of the student body was held and an athletic association was formed to be effective the following fall. The officers of this body were: Sothoron Key, President; B. M. Chiswell, Vice-President; H. C. Jones, Treasurer; W. W. Skinner, Recording Secretary; W. B. Crapster, Corresponding Secretary; J. G. Bannon, Censor. It is of more than usual interest to note that Mr. Key is now a prominent physician of Washington, D. C., that Mr. Chiswell is a lieutenant in the Revenue Cutter Service and his present address is Washington also, that Mr. Crapster is manager of a life insurance company of Washington and that Mr. Skinner is Chief of the Water Laboratory of the Bureau of Chemistry in the Department of Agriculture. Nothing is known of the whereabouts of Mr. Bannon, while it stated with regret that H. C. Jones is dead.

A regular football schedule was arranged for the fall of 1893 and the team performed so remarkably well that it went through the season without a single defeat. Hopkins was not played, but St. John's was met and defeated, the only victory M. A. C. won over that College until the fall of 1905. Be it said, though, that the game with St. John's was never completed, that eleven leaving the field before the end of the last half because of a dispute. The record for the season follows:

M. A. C. 36—Eastern High School, 0.
M. A. C. 10—Central High School, 0.
M. A. C. 18—Baltimore City College, 0.
M. A. C. 6—St. John's College, 0.
M. A. C. 16—Orient Athletic Club, 6.
M. A. C. 18—Western Maryland College, 10.

The standard of athletics in those days was far different from what it is now, though, and on this team there played Prof. Strickler, the athletic director, secured by President Silvester that fall; Prof. Henry T. Harrison, instructor in mathematics; Arthur Pue Gorman, coach of

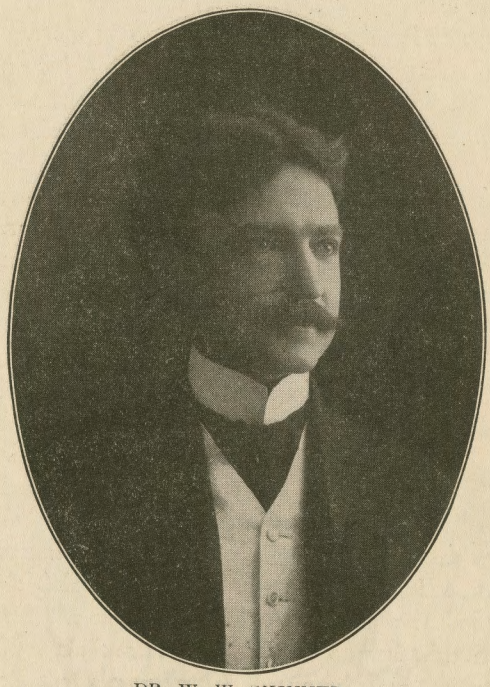


S. H. HARDING AND ROLAND HARRISON.

Stars of the football team of 1893, the first to defeat St. John's. Harding was captain of this team and was one of the greatest linemen that have ever worn the colors of this College. Harrison did brilliant work at halfback. Harding is now an engineer for the District of Columbia and Harrison is serving in a like capacity for the United Government in Geological work.

the team, and Professor Lull, chemist at the Experiment Station. S. H. Harding, at present an engineer for the District of Columbia, was captain of this eleven.

In the winter of 1894, W. W. Skinner, who had played quarterback on the 1892 eleven, advocated in an article in the "Cadet Re-



DR. W. W. SKINNER.

Dr. Skinner played quarterback on the football team of 1892 and managed the eleven of 1894. He was instrumental in forming the first State Intercollegeiate League, Secretary of the first athletic association, and athletic editor of the "Cadet Review," a monthly paper published by the students from 1894 until the early part of 1895. Dr. Skinner is now Chief of the Water Laboratory of the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

view" the founding of an intercollegiate league. The result of the efforts of Mr. Skinner was a meeting held at Baltimore, March 30, 1894, out of which arose the first State intercollegiate league. The organization was known as the Intercollegiate Football Association of Maryland and was composed of Johns Hopkins, St. John's, Washington Col-

BASEBALL TEAM OF 1898.

This is the first championship baseball team the Maryland Agricultural College turned out. It won the title in the old Intercollegiate League of the District of Columbia and Maryland, composed of Johns Hopkins, M. A. C., Western Maryland, St. John's and Gallaudet. The players were: top row—(?) Manager; Price, left field; Alnutt, center field; Mitchell, right field; middle row—Phil Robb, pitcher; Devon, catcher; Speake, substitute; bottom row—Peterson, short-stop; Cashell, first base; Cameron, second base; Harvey, third base.

lege, Baltimore City College, Western Maryland College and M. A. C. Mr. Key and Mr. Skinner represented this institution at the meeting and the former was elected Vice-President.

S. H. Harding was captain and manager of the 1894 baseball team which won seven out of the eight games played. In those eight games Captain Harding's batting average was .387. He played second base and caught.

When the 1894 football season rolled around M. A. C. had good prospects and started well, defeating Western Maryland and Washington College by 52 to 0 and by 12 to 0. The game with Johns Hopkins was scheduled to take place in Washington, but was not played owing to the refusal of Hopkins to appear on account of the illness of the captain of its eleven. On October 27, the team went to Annapolis to meet St. John's; the game was lost, 0 to 27, as were the two remaining contests with Mt. St. Mary's and the Columbia Athletic Club. W. W. Skinner, previously mentioned, was manager of this eleven.

In the year 1893-1894 Captain Silvester prevailed upon one of the Trustees, a Mr. Lake, to give his personal note for $5,000, and with this the building now used as a library was erected to serve the purpose of a gymnasium. Previous to that a board shed, with a sawdust floor, two flying rings, and a home-made trapeze was the only semblance of an athletic building.

The baseball teams of 1895 and 1897 were of a fair standard and went through their seasons with some success. There was no football team in 1895, owing to a disruption between the students and the Commandant. The trouble ran through the entire year and it was a blank for M. A. C. as far as intercollegiate sports were concerned.

When M. A. C. put out a football team in 1896 it was not expected that much would be done, yet it again went through a season without defeat. When school opened there was among the students one of the best athletes M. A. C. has ever had—Grenville Lewis. Of course, the schedule played was not one that would do credit to a very big school now, but that Lewis was able to carry his men through as successfully as he did when he was compelled to organize and coach the team himself is a tribute to his capabilities. Lewis was made captain because he was about the only man who had had much experience. It was Lewis' great work at fullback which received and deserved the most credit for the successes. Here are the teams met and the results of the games:

THE FOOTBALL TEAM OF 1893.

This is the team which went through its season without a defeat. And, incidently, it is the first eleven of this College to score a victory over St. John's, having won by 6 to 0,. Two members of the team do not appear in the picture. They are Arthur Pue Gorman, who recently was President of the State Senate, and Professor Lull, Chemist at the Experiment Station. The players in the picture were: top row—Oertley, Strickler, Roland Harrison, Manager Key, Harris, Bannon; sitting—Pue, H. T. Harrison, Mitchell, Wharton, Wooters; bottom row—Sherman, Rollins, Captain Harding, Compton, Wimer. It is interesting to note that H. T. Harrison is none other than Prof. Harrison, now head of the Department of Mathematics.

M. A. C. 34—Business High School, 0.
M. A. C. 10—Central High School, 0.
M. A. C. 20—Bethel Military Academy, 0.
M. A. C. 18—Alexandria High School, 0.
M. A. C. 16—Western Maryland, 6.
M. A. C. 0—University of Maryland,0.

In 1897 football relations were again established with Johns Hopkins and St. John's and both games were lost. Hopkins won by 30 to 6, but St. John's was a victor by only 6 to 4. The team was fairly successful in its other contests.

The following spring—1898—one of the best baseball teams that have represented the College was turned out. It won the championship of the Intercollegiate League of Maryland and the District of Columbia, which had been organized the previous winter, beating out St. John's, Johns Hopkins, Western Maryland, and Gallaudet. The scores of the games were:

M. A. C. 24—St. John's, 5.
M. A. C. 8—Johns Hopkins, 7.
M. A. C. 26—Western Maryland, 1.
M. A. C. 12—Gallaudet, 22.
M. A. C. 7—Gallaudet, 6.

Gallaudet would have won, but after it had defeated M. A. C. it lost to St. John's, which caused a tie between it and M. A. C. The tie was played off and this College won by 8 to 7.

Phil Robb, probably one of the greatest pitchers M. A. C. has developed, did duty in the box in every game. His work featured the season. Mr. Robb is now a professor at the Baltimore City College. A picture of this team is presented elsewhere.

The years 1898 and 1899 were very disastrous, not a football game being won, and the baseball teams being very weak. St. John's won by such a big score in '99 that it refused to play again for some years, in the meantime offering a game with its second eleven.

The fall of 1898 marked the resignation of Prof. Strickler as Director of Athletics, and there was really no man to take the lead and push the sports. Prof. Thomas H. Spence, present Vice-President of the College, had general charge of the athletic work during '98-'99.

It was in the fall of 1899 that Charles S. Richardson, now Professor of English and Oratory, was secured to direct the athletics of the College. Prof. Richardson found things in a rather muddled

THE TRACK SQUAD.

This is the aggregation upon which M. A. C. will depend in the annual games to be held May 1. These men went through the best indoor season representatives of this College have ever had and they are pretty sure to give a good account of themselves against the best the other colleges in the State have to present.

state, but began to create a considerable interest in track sports by laying out a new track, the one now being used, and holding the first real field-day.

Because it refused to be dictated to by another member of the Intercollegiate League, M. A. C. dropped out of that organization. A combination of poor material and no coach prevented the development of successful football teams, for three or four years, but some very creditable performances in baseball were noted. The nine of 1901 was very good, defeating St. John's, Western Maryland, Washington College and Gallaudet. Johns Hopkins had no team that year. The football team of 1901 was very light, yet it played desperately in the most important contest—that with Hopkins—and lost by only 0 to 6.

To go back a little, the first effort to hold a track meet, or field-day, as it was then called, was in the spring of 1894. The events took place on the campus, where the baseball and football field used to be, and the prizes were various articles of merchandise donated by different persons. Affairs of this character were held irregularly and once or twice several of the students took part in meets at Baltimore. In the spring of 1899 a small squad went to Annapolis to compete, and M. H. Galt distinguished himself by winning the 100 yards dash, 220 yards dash, running high jump and running broad jump. After the first field-day in 1899 the track sports were made a permanent feature of the Commencement celebration and they were always held on the Monday of Commencement week. The tennis tournament, still an annual affair on the Monday of Commencement week, was begun in 1894, just after the holding of the first Field-day.

The continued poor showing of the football team was due more than anything else to a lack of proper coaching. A cry was raised by the students to procure an instructor. John Markey, of Frederick, took charge of the squad in the fall of 1903 and signalized his appearance by turning out a very creditable eleven. This team lost, however, to St. John's by 0 to 18. Mr. Markey was again at the head of the football affairs in the fall of 1904, but the eleven that year was hardly as strong as the one of 1903, or anyway it did not make as successful a record. St. John's was not played owing to its refusal to come to College Park for the contest. Mr. Markey played on both the elevens he coached.

In the spring of 1904, this College adopted a policy in athletics that was radical, to say the least. It declared that it would ever there-

THE LACROSSE SQUAD.

Practically every man of last year's lacrosse team is numbered among those who appear in the above picture. While only one game was lost last season, even better things are expected of the present twelve. No games have yet been played but the men are showing up well in practice.

after foster clean athletics and would allow no man to become a member of one of its teams unless he be a legitimate student. This was in direct opposition to the previous policy and many predictions were made that successful teams could not be turned out without "padding". During this spring another effort was made to revive the intercollegiate league, and it was successful to the extent that M. A. C. and St. John's got together and formed a league between themselves, they being the only members of the Intercollegiate League of Maryland.

Fred K. Nielsen, a graduate of the University of Nebraska, came to M. A. C. as football coach in 1905 and succeeded in developing a team that defeated St. John's by 27 to 5, the first time M. A. C. had won from that school since 1893. In the spring some good baseball material was out, but lack of good coaching cost a successful season. While nearly all the games were lost, St. John's was beaten by 5 to 4, and the nine St. John's had that spring was probably the best in its whole history.

Mr. Nielsen was again coach of football in 1906 and he turned out another winning eleven. Western Maryland and Washington College had sought admittance into the league the previous spring and their application had been acted upon favorably. The 1906 eleven won the championship of the league, being awarded the honor at the end of a rather stormy meeting at Baltimore, held because the M. A. C.—Western Maryland contest was not played, owing to a dispute just before it was scheduled to start.

In the spring of 1907, M. A. C. won the State championship in baseball without much trouble, defeating Mt. St. Mary's, Washington College, St. John's, and Western Maryland. Washington College was shut out without a hit.

The fall of 1907 opened with brilliant prospects but because of a lack of competent coaching only about half of the successes were won that should have been recorded. The Intercollegiate League was disbanded just after the close of the 1907 football season. In the class of 1908 were several men who had starred on the baseball and football teams of the three previous years and their loss was so keenly felt that the standard of sports fell considerably for two years, with the exception of the relay teams of '09 and '10, one of which went through its season without losing a race.

In 1910 football began to show an improvement, a much better eleven than in either of the two previous years being turned out. In

1911 also some few successes were recorded, though St. John's won both years and so did Hopkins. The baseball teams during this period were fairly strong, at times accomplishing noteworthy things and at others playing below the average. May, 1911, marked the holding of the first intercollegiate and interscholastic track and field meet, which have then and since been very successful. M. A. C. won the intercollegiate part of the games that year.

In the fall of 1912 it was decided to adopt the graduate system of coaching, and H. C. Byrd, of the Class of '08, was placed in charge of the teams.

The 1912 football team lost only one game, that to St. John's, which was played when it was necessary for four regulars to be absent from the squad. Johns Hopkins was beaten that year by 13 to 0, though, marking M. A. C.'s first gridiron victory over its old rival. The relay team had some success, a quartet composed entirely of Freshmen winning from St. John's and Western Maryland. The track meet was lost, though. The following spring the baseball squad defeated every other college in the State, excepting Washington and that school it did not play. It won the State championship easily. The record of that team is worth reproducing:

M. A. C. 4—St. John's, 3.
M. A. C. 3—Navy, 2.
M. A. C. 12—Mt. St. Mary's, 3.
M. A. C. 11—Mt. St. Joseph's, 4.
M. A. C. 8—Western Maryland, 3.
M. A. C. 5—Rock Hill, 3.
M. A. C. 6—Johns Hopkins, 2.

The best record ever made by a football team in Maryland was that of the eleven, which represented M. A. C. in 1913. It defeated every other college generally recognized in the running for the State title, was not scored on, and got 105 points in the four games. The results of the contests were:

M. A. C. 46—Western Maryland, 0.
M. A. C. 26—Johns Hopkins, 0.
M. A. C. 13—St. John's, 0.
M. A. C. 20—Washington College, 0.

In the whole history of football in Maryland it is questionable if another College can boast of a record equal to this. Incidentally, this marked the first victory over St. John's since 1906. The baseball nine

of 1914 was the strongest M. A. C. ever turned out and it won the State title for the second consecutive time. The track meet in 1914 was also won, this College scoring 51 points in competition against five other institutions.

At the beginning of the present scholastic year, athletic prospects generally were poor, owing to the loss of veteran material. The football team, though, after a poor start, surprised everybody by winning the championship. St. John's was beaten 10 to 0 and Hopkins 14 to 0. The track squad went through a good indoor season, the Freshman relay won two out of three races, the Varsity four went through undefeated, and several individuals were winners in open events. The nine this spring started with only four of last year's men back, but a 2-to-1 victory over Cornell University in 12 innings presages at least some success for it.

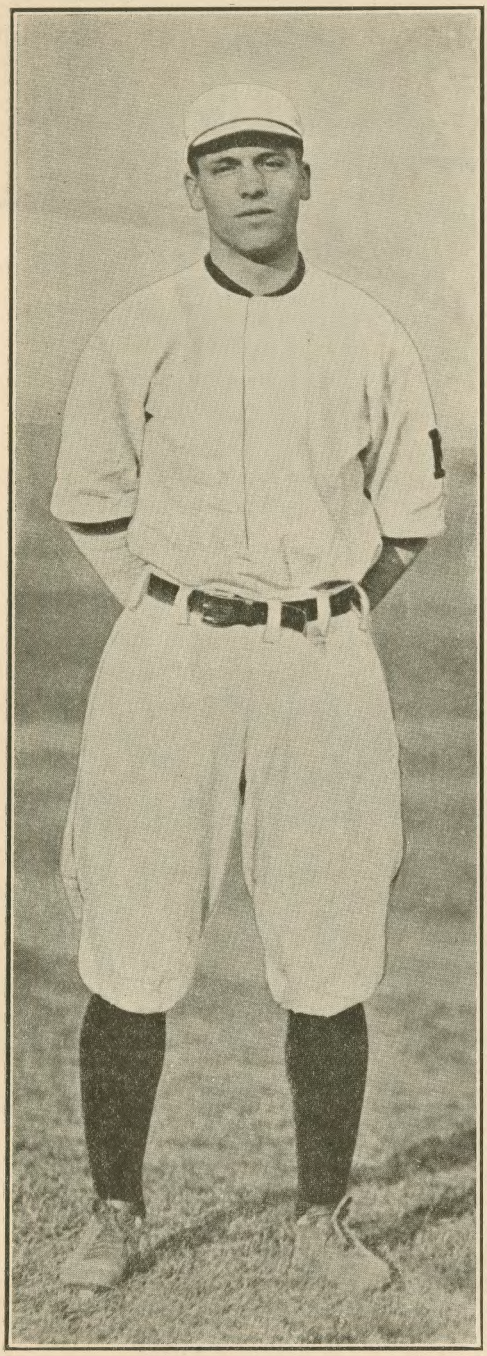
M. A. C. is growing in athletics. It has won five consecutive State championships, something never done before by any college. It won the title in baseball in 1913, football in 1913, baseball in 1914, track in 1914, and football in 1914. The College is growing and those that have watched its rise in the various branches of sport are waiting the day when it will be in competition generally with the best colleges and universities in the country.

THE ANNUAL TRACK AND FIELD GAMES

IN the winter of 1911, E. W. Stoll, at one time a prominent athlete at M. A. C. and then a captain in the Philippines Constabulary, forwarded a contribution to the Secretary of the Alumni Association with the request that the money be used to further the athletic interests of the college. Upon the suggestion of Prof. Ernest N. Cory, it was decided to institute an annual track and field meet, to be held jointly under the auspices of the Alumni Association and the College authorities.

During the early part of May, of that spring, the first set of games was held. Then, as now, the meet was of an intercollegiate and an interscholastic character. The events for colleges were closed to the institutions in Maryland, while the scholastic competitions were open to the schools of Maryland and the District of Columbia. The first year there were probably four hundred entries, but from that time the meet has grown each year until last spring it numbered a greater entry list than has ever been had in any other set of games in the south—more than twelve hundred.

The main object in instituting such a meet was to give the boys of Maryland and the District of Columbia an opportunity to compete in a set of games in which they would not be compelled to go against the older and more experienced preparatory school athletes of the north. Thus the open interscholastic events were limited to these. Besides this, it was the desire to give the country high schools of Maryland a chance to compete against one another, so that they would not be placed against their city opponents who generally were favored with much more advantageous training facilities. To do this it was necessary to have a class solely for the public schools of the counties, which was arranged. Besides the collegiate, open scholastic, county school events, there were placed on the entry list other contests in which only the freshmen from the city high and prep schools could compete against the boys below the ninth grade of the county public schools. This arrangement gave everybody a chance, placing each boy in a class in which he was not likely to be surpassed to any great extent and giving him an opportunity to win a medal.



KENNETH KNODE.

In football and baseball Knode has proved of exceptional capabilities. He has played quarterback three years on the eleven and shortstop on the nine. He is captain of the latter this year and is proving worthy of the honor.

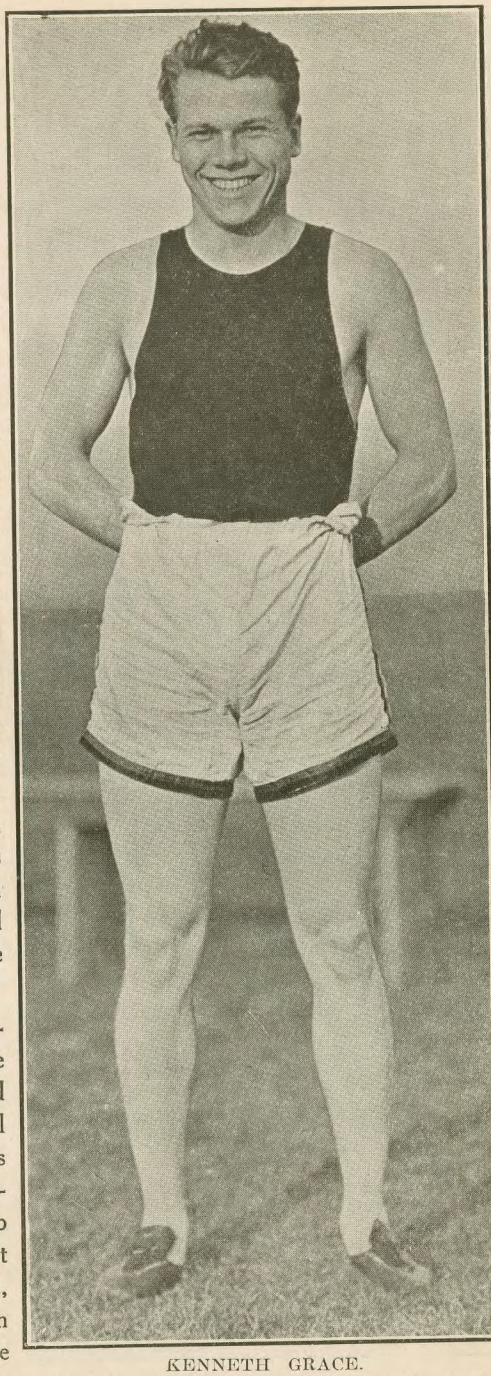
And so the meet was continued in its essentials. Of course, there have been several changes, but in the main the same kind of competition between the same classes is to be seen each year and will be watched this spring when the best of the schoolboy and college talent in Maryland and the District of Columbia meet in spirited struggles on May 1st.

The plans for the meet this year have been made, with the exception of a few minor details. Some of the officials have already been secured, the prizes have been bought and engraved, and the track has been gotten in better shape than ever before. Prof. C. E. Beckett, Physical Director of the Washington Central Y. M. C. A., has refereed the games every year since 1911; his work has been very satisfactory and he has again been obtained in the same capacity. Prof. E. N. Cory, of M. A. C., will be Clerk of the Course, and his long experience in track sports guarantees that he will get the men to their marks with utmost precision. J. V. Mulligan, former Georgetown coach and member of a world's championship relay team, will be the starter. Mr. Mulligan's work in starting in indoor and outdoor track games has always given universal satisfaction. Space precludes the naming of all

the other officials, but all will be just as competent as these, men who have had long years of training in track sports.

The medals to be given this year will be the same as those awarded in the various events last spring. The medal will be in the form of a gateway, with heavy posts as its two side borders, and triangularly arched at the top. The figure of a discus thrower is shown in the opening, while beyond him is a rising sun, typifying the source and birth of power. In the lower part of the medal, which will be convex, will be the college seal, the date, and appropriate inscriptions. These medals will not hang on the ordinary ribbon, but will be in the nature of a watch fob. As soon as the medal is won it may be attached to the watch immediately. These medals will be awarded to the men finishing first, second, and third in each event in all the classes.

The prizes for the individual athletes scoring the most points will be gold watches. One of these will be given to the boy who gets the most points in the intercollegiate events, another to the one who scores the most in the open interscholastic, and another to the winner in the county school class. Large and handsome placques are to be awarded as the team trophies in the intercollegiate and open interscholastic



KENNETH GRACE.

"Bill" Grace is in his junior year and is proving what he has been for the two previous seasons, the mainstay of the relay four. Grace is a mighty good runner, and it is not likely that any other man in the State will prove capable of showing him a pair of heels in the annual meet. Grace is also manager of the football team next fall.

events, while a silk banner will be given to the county high school winning in the class for these institutions.

The following events will be contested in the four classes:

INTERCOLLEGIATE.

100 yards dash	220 yards hurdles
220 yards dash	Broad Jump
440 yards dash	High Jump
880 yards run	Pole Vault
One mile run	Shot Put (16 pounds)

Two miles run.

INTERSCHOLASTIC.

100 yards dash	220 yards hurdles
220 yards dash	Broad Jump
440 yards dash	High Jump
880 yards run	Pole Vault
One mile run	Shot Put

FRESHMAN SCHOLASTIC.

100 yards dash	220 yards dash

COUNTY SCHOOLS.

100 yards dash	220 yards dash
440 yards dash	One mile run

Broad Jump

The first class of events, the Intercollegiate, is open to the colleges of Maryland: St. John's, Washington, Western Maryland, Rock Hill, Mt. St. Joseph's, and Maryland Agricultural College. The next class, the Interscholastic, is open to the high schools, grade schools, and preparatory schools of Maryland and the District of Columbia. The freshman contests may be entered by any boy not beyond the ninth grade in the county schools of Maryland and the grade schools of Washington and by the men in the first year of the high or prep schools of Baltimore or Washington. The county school competition is open to all the boys of all the public schools of Maryland outside Baltimore City.

Entry blanks for the meet were sent out some time ago. These contained the information that the meet would be held under the regular

intercollegiate rules, with the exception that three places would be counted instead of five, first place to count five points, second three points and third one. Other information has been sent in letters and published in the papers of Baltimore and Washington, but if there is any question relative to the games, or any information whatsoever that may be desired, it will be furnished upon request.

The College appreciates the interest taken each year in the meet by the schools of Maryland and the District of Columbia. The College also feels that its efforts this year to give the boys of Maryland and Washington the best possible in the way of track competition, prizes, etc., will again be accepted with the same fine spirit. And it is not without great pride that the authorities of the College consider the great amount of interest they have created in track sports throughout Maryland. A new spirit—a spirit of gentlemanly and vigorous competition—has been aroused in the schools of the State, "Field Days" are being held whose sole instigation and stimulus have been the annual meets at College Park, and in the whole a great, new spirit has been awakened that ultimately will result in the building of a stronger yeomanry.

Stronger bodies, keener minds, more efficient men, these are what the track sports held each year at the Maryland Agricultural College are giving to Maryland—the very vitals of a successful State.

DO YOU KNOW

That a boy is compelled to undergo a complete physical examination before he is allowed to take part in athletics at the Maryland Agricultural College? The heart and lungs of each boy, when he presents himself as a candidate for one of the teams, are tested and unless both are in a healthy state he is not allowed to enter competition in any of the strenuous sports. Several good athletes have been kept off the teams because of this, but the parents of the students can thus know that the interests of their boys are well guarded.

Did you ever notice that the fellow who is all the time making excuses for himself seldom gets anywhere. He is generally so busy trying to find passable excuses for negligence or indifference that he has no time to improve his good points and eliminate his bad ones.

VALUE OF ATHLETICS

THE history of physical education dates back before the Christian era. Notwithstanding the rugged manhood of that day, brought about naturally by the almost unending struggle for existence, it was thought necessary to improve the health and build stronger men by prescribing systematic exercises. Something of the manner of physical development of that period may be gained by reading how Solon describes to Anacharsis in the dialogue of Lucien the general character and purpose of physical training among the Greeks:

"We strip them of their clothing; we consider that the first step is to accustom them to the air, to render their bodies inured to each season. After this, we devise various kinds of gymnastic exercises and place directors over each. We teach one to box and another the pancration contest. In this way their bodies are hardened to suffering and by constant toil become more robust. Furthermore, they present no superfluous fat and white spots, no lack of flesh accompanied by paleness, like the bodies of women. Our young men are tinged a dusky red by the sun, are masculine, have much spirit, show great zeal and manly courage, and furthermore enjoy such excellent health. They are not coarse, though tanned, nor are they above weight, but are circumscribed with symmetry.

"We train our young men to run also; we accustom them to endurance in a long race and encourage them to make a short distance in the quickest possible time. The course is not formed upon firm ground that will resist, but in deep sand, where it is easy neither to step with firmness nor lean forward, and where the foot is burdened with the yielding path. In addition to this we exercise them in leaping ditches, if thought necessary, or any other impediments, even with their hands filled with leaden weights."

Since that time there has never been an age in which each community in every part of the world has not had its various methods of training the body to be a greater asset to the mind. These sports have varied from the tournaments of the Middle Ages, in which Knights often lost their lives in desperate attempts to win the favor of some fair lady or king, to the folk dances of the kindergarten girl of the present; but all have been for the same purpose—the building of a stronger race.

So well recognized is the absolute need for a systematic method of physical development that every university, college, and school in the country is making great efforts to widen as much as possible the scope of its work along this line. Besides this, cities are appropriating money for the establishment of playgrounds and general recreation centers, and only at the last legislature the State of Maryland ordered that some thousands of dollars be expended toward aiding the boys and girls of Maryland to become stronger men and women through the holding of track and field days, which are expected to stimulate interest in physical exercises.

The main aim of all athletics should be to develop keenness of mind and strength of body. In other words to give to the mind a big asset in the way of a strong body to enable it to carry out the projects it conceives. To give a boy or girl a splendid education and neglect his or her physical development is like putting a powerful engine in a rotten hulk and expecting it to serve the purposes of commerce and withstand the storms of the ocean. The more powerful the engine the stronger must be the hull of the ship, and in like manner the greater the intellect and the broader the mind the more powerful must be the human structure in which they dwell.

The tendency now is to bring out the best that is physical in the boy as well as the best of his mental attributes. There has been at times in the past a tendency toward too much specialization in athletics, especially in the colleges and universities, but a great change is being brought about in regard to that. Instead of attempting to get out a few, so that one or two athletic teams may represent them, the universities and colleges are making great efforts to place many various organizations in intercollegiate competition and to foster various kinds of competition between the classes and other local organizations. It is generally realized that competitive athletics, that is, physical exercise in which the participant takes part in contest with another, or one group against another group, is much superior as a form of exercise and general body and mental development than the swinging of indian clubs or going through some much monotonous work. To attain the ideal, work which tends to produce a perfect attunement of body and mind must be had and only in competitive forms of sport is this to be found. The mechanical movements taught in some of the gymnasiums are often as injurious as they are helpful, especially to persons of certain temperaments. Interesting competition is the summun bonum of physical edu-

cation and from that form of exercise the student will get the greatest returns. Of course, it may be said that most forms of competitive athletics are too strenuous for many, but that is hardly an argument against it because there are many kinds of games and sports which develop the interest and still are not near as great a tax on the weak heart, or on any other organ which may not be of normal strength, as some of the methodical exercises.

And it must not be thought that the development of the physical man is all the good derived from athletics. The greatest educators, in fact, the heads of all the great educational institutions, say that the greatest strength of character, the finest morals, the strictest adherence to duty, the lessons of obedience, and the general development of those attributes which make the "manly man", are acquired through the activities of what may be termed outside life, and nowhere are these activities more exemplified than on the athletic field. There the lessons of fair play, honesty, absolute adherence to duty, and the finest precepts of honor are taught; that determination and splendid sense of loyalty which predominates the true American citizen are developed to their utmost. Thousands of boys have had brought out on the football field, on the diamond, on the track, the attributes which later made them successful men. Participation in athletics makes a boy a man; develops the more or less retiring youth into the aggressive individual who has the courage and resourcefulness to surmount obstacle after obstacle in the far more difficult game he must play in attaining the goal long before set for him by ambitious parents on the great gridiron of life.

DO YOU KNOW

That the average scholastic standing of the men who have represented the Maryland Agricultural College on the athletic field has been above the average of the remainder of the student body? Statistics prove that, and besides read what Prof. Thos. H. Spence, Vice-President of the College, has to say on the question:

"I sincerely believe that the scholastic standing of the men who have represented us on the athletic field has been much above that of the average of the student body as a whole. It has been my concern to investigate closely this matter from time to time, and I feel sure that athletics advance, rather than retard, the development of the intellect. The great majority of our former athletes have attained marked success since leaving College, and I know that in many cases participation in sports has almost been the making of them."

THE RELAY TEAM.

This quartet established a splendid record during the indoor season, winning every race in which it appeared. The four representing St. John's was met twice, and only one of the contests was even close. The runners are, reading from left to right, P. H. Morris, Kenneth Grace, L. R. Pennington and E. W. Montell.

THE 1915 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEVERAL changes have been made in the football schedule for next fall. These alterations consist more in the dates on which various other colleges in the State will be met than in the addition of new teams, although relations will begun with at least one institution of high standing. Heretofore, the majority of the most important contests have taken place early in the year, but this coming season the other colleges in the State will be the last met and the biggest game of the year will be the last of all—that with Hopkins at Baltimore, Thanksgiving Day.

The season will be opened September 25th at College Park with the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. After that there will be a game every Saturday with the exception of the one just before Thanksgiving. There are listed nine games, six of which are to be played on the home field. Schedules in the past have been so arranged that all the contests have been away from home one year, which occurred last fall. In this connection, it might be well to state that arrangements are being made now whereby that will not happen again. Contracts with Haverford, for instance, cover a two-year period, that school already being scheduled to play at College Park in 1916.

Here is the schedule:

September 25—Baltimore Polytechnic Institute at College Park.
October 2—Haverford College at Haverford.
October 9—Catholic University at Washington.
October 16—Gallaudet College at College Park.
October 23—Pennsylvania Military College at College Park.
October 30—St. John's College at College Park.
November 6—Washington College at College Park.
November 13—Western Maryland College at College Park.
November 25—(Thanksgiving)—Johns Hopkins at Baltimore.

Preparations have already been started for the holding of a reunion of the Aulmni at one of the big hotels in Baltimore after the contest with Hopkins. It is intended to make the Thanksgiving Day event with Hopkins an occasion worth remembering.

Incidentally, it might not be amiss to say in this connection that indications are M. A. C. will be represented by one of the strongest, if not the strongest, elevens it has ever developed. Out of a squad of more than thirty players, who were out all last season, only three will be

lost by graduation this spring. There will be the best nucleus when the candidates for the 1915 eleven report that the College has ever had, and it is felt that a team will be developed capable of making another successful fight for the State Championship. Good men will be lost in the graduation of ex-Capt. Bowland, who has played tackle and guard for four years, Pennington, right end, and Carter, half back and end. All these men did exceptionally good work last fall, but it is felt that, with the new material of the 1915 freshmen class and the second string players of last fall, some capable performers should be developed to fill their places.

The eleven next fall will be captained by E. R. Hindman, of Port Deposit. Hindman played tackle at Tome before entering M. A. C. and since becoming a member of the latter team has proved very versatile, a generally well-liked fellow, and a star in the tackle's position. Up until the third game of the schedule last season Hindman played right tackle, but after that he was shifted to full back and made good in that position as readily as he had done splendid work in the line. He was the unanimous choice to lead the squad next season. Besides Hindman, there will be ready at the start of practice the entire backfield and five of the seven regulars in the line.

Some parents think football is too rough for their sons. No kick ever received on a gridiron was half so bad as some of those gotten in after life. The sooner a boy gets used to the hard knocks and adversities of the gridiron, the easier and faster is he going to count the lines as he dashes toward the goal of his ambition in later years. And besides on the football field your own men and your opponents are always courteous enough to pick you up if you're knocked down—when you get into the world, once you're on the ground, your portion is usually another kick and then a heel ground into your neck to keep you there.

It's easy to be a winner but the boy shows his real worth when he's on the losing end of things. There are lots of fellows who can evidence spirit and do well when they are in front and everything looks bright; it's the fellow who can stand the gaff, grin cheerfully, and plow ahead when things look black that's really worth while.

M. A. C. VS. ST. JOHN'S

SIXTEEN football games have been played between M. A. C. and St. John's, the college with which, until two years ago, M. A. C. maintained its greatest rivalry. Of these, the Annapolis institution has won eleven and M. A. C. five. Be it said, though, that one of the contests in which the score was in favor of this College was never finished, St. John's leaving the field about ten minutes before the end of the last half as the result of a dispute. Both sides claim the other was at fault, with which the matter might as well rest. The contest does not appear in the records kept at St. John's, while these of M. A. C. give it as 6 to 0.

The one pleasing part of the records from an M. A. C. standpoint is that of the last two years. It will be noticed that St. John's has not crossed M. A. C.'s goal line since 1912, and it's dollars against the hole in the doughnut that if a summation of the results of all the games played is made ten years from now the totals will favor M. A. C.

Here are the results of the contests since the first game was played in 1892:

1892—M. A. C., 0; St. John's, 58.
1893—M. A. C., 6; St. John's 0.
1894—M. A. C., 0; St. John's, 26.
1895—No Game.
1896—No Game.
1897—M. A. C., 4; St. John's, 6.
1898—M. A. C., 0; St. John's, 6.
1899—M. A. C., 0; St. John's, 62.
1900—No Game.
1901—No Game.
1902—No Game.
1903—M. A. C., 0; St. John's, 18.
1904—No Game.
1905—M. A. C., 27; St. John's, 5.
1906—M. A. C., 20; St. John's, 4.
1907—M. A. C., 0; St. John's, 16.
1908—M. A. C., 0; St. John's, 31.
1909—No Game.
1910—M. A. C., 0; St. John's, 6.
1911—M. A. C., 0; St. John's, 27.
1812—M. A. C., 0; St. John's, 27.
1913—M. A. C., 13; St. John's, 0.
1914—M. A. C., 10; St. John's, 0.

M. A. C. VS. JOHNS HOPKINS

TWELVE times have the football teams of the Maryland Agricultural College and Johns Hopkins met on the gridiron. As in the case with St. John's, Hopkins has a big margin in games won, but also, as in the case with St. John's, M. A. C.'s victories are of a recent date. Not only has this College won from Hopkins for the last three years, but Hopkins has not even scored in that time.

The first game was played in 1892 and resulted in an overwhelming victory for Hopkins, 62 to 0. While another contest was scheduled in 1896, it was not played; in 1897 the contests between the two schools were resumed. Games took place in 1898 and 1899, both of which were won by Hopkins by large scores, which it has been impossible so far to find out definitely. From 1902 until 1908, no games were scheduled, but in 1908 they were resumed and have been continued every season since.

The results of all the games played follow:

1892—M. A. C., 0; Johns Hopkins, 62.
1893—No Game.
1894—No Game.
1895—No Game.
1896—No Game.
1897—M. A. C., 0; Johns Hopkins, 30.
1898—? " 0; " " 18
1899—? " 0 " " 36
1900—No Game.
1901—M. A. C., 0; Johns Hopkins, 6.
1902—M. A. C., 0; Johns Hopkins, 17.
1903—No Game.
1904—No Game.
1905—No Game.
1906—No Game.
1907—No Game.
1908—M. A. C., 0; Johns Hopkins, 10.
1909—M. A. C., 0; Johns Hopkins, 6.
1910—M. A. C., 11; Johns Hopkins, 11.
1911—M. A. C., 3; Johns Hopkins, 6.
1912—M. A. C., 13; Johns Hopkins, 0.
1914—M. A. C., 14; Johns Hopkins, 0.
1913—M. A. C., 26; Johns Hopkins, 0.

19 - 14 - 0
20 - 24 - 7
21 - no game
22 - 3 - 0

14 - " 14 28 " " 0
15 - 0 " " 3
Maryland State 16 — 54 " " 0
17 - 7 " " 0
18 — 0 " " 0

TENNIS SCHEDULE

WHILE tennis is not recognized as a major sport, it is given a prominent place in the curriculum of athletics. The College fosters it in every way possible and is represented by a team which plays a regular schedule with other institutions. Besides the schedule played each year, a tournament closed to the students is held during Commencement week, for which a gold medal is given to the winner, a silver medal to the second man, and one of bronze to the third.

Here are the matches to be played this spring:

April 16—Dickinson College at College Park.
April 30—University of Maryland at College Park.
May 7—St. John's College at College Park.
May 15—Western Maryland at College Park.
May 22—Catholic University at College Park.
May 29—St. John's at College Park.

LACROSSE SCHEDULE

M. A. C. is the only College south of the Mason and Dixon's line with the exception of one, represented by a lacrosse team. The game has not taken hold every well in the south, it being essentially a Canadian sport, but this College has adopted it because it gives to the boys added opportunities to take part in competition with other colleges. Last year only one game was lost, the Carlisle Indians being the single victor.

Here are the teams to be met this spring:

April 14—Baltimore City College at College Park.
April 17—Mt. Washington Country Club at Baltimore.
April 24—Baltimore Polytechnic Institute at College Park.
May 8—Baltimore City College at College Park.
May 14—Carlisle Indians at College Park.

If God had thought Wisdom as appropriate for Youth as for Age he would have changed his plan of creation.

M. A. C. TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS

THE track and field records made by the athletes of the Maryland Agricultural College compare very favorably with those of other schools, with the possible exception of one or two field events. Neither the broad jump nor the shot put is placed so high that it cannot easily be broken, and it will be a big surprise if at least one of these is not smashed in the meet May 1st.

It is rather a remarkable fact, too, that only one of the records have been made since the College began to hold the annual open meet. W. B. Kemp ran the mile in 4 minutes and 57 seconds in the spring of 1912, but the other marks were set when the old "Field Day" used to be a feature of every commencement week.

In June, 1907, Urah W. Long ran the fifty yards dash in 5 2/5 seconds while in the spring of 1908 H. C. Byrd ran the distance in the same time. The last mentioned also established the records in the 100, 220, and 440 the same day. The records follow:

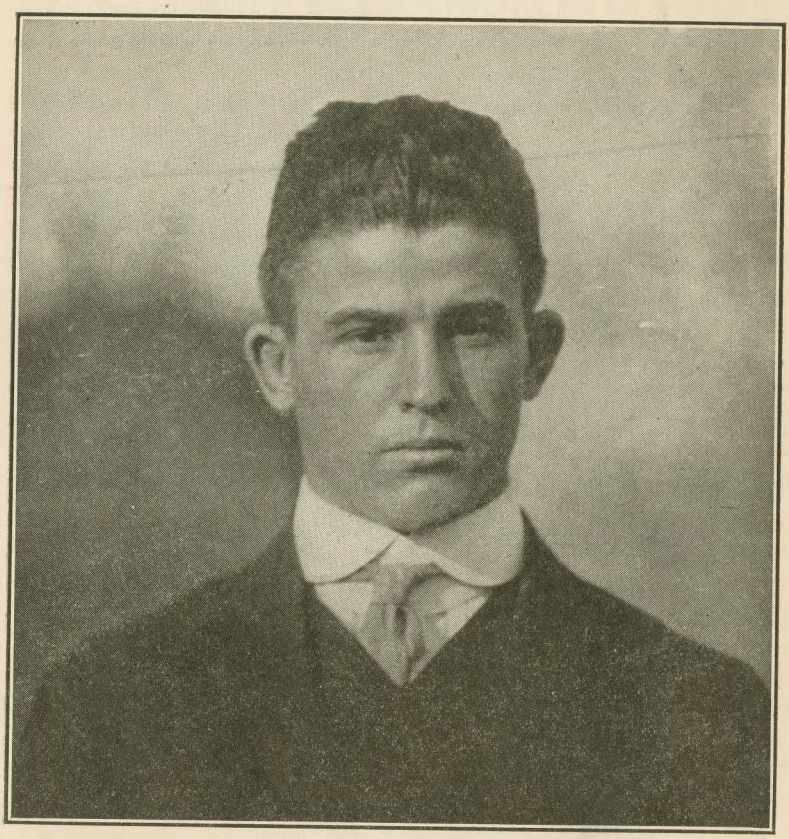
50 yards dash—Held jointly by Urah W. Long and H. C. Byrd, 5 2/5 seconds.
100 yards dash—Held by H. C. Byrd, 10 seconds.
220 yards dash—Held by H. C. Byrd, 22 3/5 seconds.
440 yards dash—Held by H. C. Byrd, 52 seconds.
880 yards dash—Held by Urah W. Long, 2 minutes and 7 seconds.
One mile run—Held by W. B. Kemp, 4 minutes and 57 seconds.
Running broad jump—Held by E. W. Stoll, 19 feet 10 inches.
Standing broad jump—Held by H. C. Byrd, 9 feet 4 inches.
Shot put (16 pounds)—Held by E. W. Stoll, 34 feet 4 inches.
Pole vault—Held by E. W. Stoll, 10 feet 1 inch.
High jump—Held by J. P. Grayson, 5 feet 4 inches.
220 yards hurdles—Held by J. P. Grason, 27 seconds.

Every great undertaking requires exceptional physical power for its successful accomplishment. Can you then question the advisability of developing the bodies of our youth.

Bluff is a fine thing—if you've got something to back it up when the pinch comes.

THE BOY WHO "STUCK"

PERHAPS some of you who read this will never have heard of Victor Pennington and maybe you are wondering, at first glance, why he has his picture in this little book. Pennington is given this recognition not because he has accomplished some particular thing beyond what many boys can do, not because he has some special



VICTOR PENNINGTON.

qualification as a star athlete, but simply and solely because he is "The Boy Who 'Stuck'."

If ever there was an example of what hard work, consistent application, and perseverance will do it is evident in this case. When Victor

Pennington came to M. A. C., four years ago, he wanted to make the football team. He got a suit, went out, and tried his best; scant recognition was his poor reward, with an occasional chance to play on the scrubs against the 'varsity. That year gone, another rolled around. Again Pennington was out, trying to make a position on the eleven. It was the story of the previous year—he failed. The third year came and it found the same stocky youngster out, not for any certain position but for anything he could get. Every day he was ready for practice; again he did not win a regular position but he fought his way into a few games a little while as a substitute—perseverance was beginning to tell.

The fourth year came—last fall—and this time it was a different story. Three years Victor Pennington had fought all kinds of adversities, three years he had been battered on the scrubs that a good 'varsity might be developed, three years he had worked like a tiger with little recognition and no reward except the feeling that he had done his best; but this year he came into his own, won his position, and established the remarkable record of playing every minute of every game of the season. Pennington took care of right end on the eleven which won the State championship last fall and he was one of the best in the State. Inherent qualities of determination, capabilities developed by dint of perseverance under, at times, disadvantageous conditions, gave Pennington what he had worked for all that time. No man ever did more for his position on a football team than Pennington, but it was worth it, every bit. Ask him if it wasn't.

So, to you who may enter M. A. C. next fall, remember that everything is not won in a day, remember that real success comes only after overcoming trials and after the hardest kind of work—remember "The Boy Who 'Stuck'. "

THE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

M. A. C. is this year undertaking the most ambitious baseball schedule in its history. In fact, so many games have been booked with institutions much its superior in the matter of size, that those with the other State colleges are somewhat overshadowed. And this despite the fact that it must play through the season with a more or less green team, five regulars of the great championship nine which represented the school last year having been lost.

Just how the season will result in the matter of games won and lost is hard to say, but the fact that the team has already split even in the two games with Cornell is indicative of progress. This is the first schedule of an M. A. C. athletic team which has had listed one of the big universities, and two appear on it—Cornell and Harvard.

Here is the list in full:

March 24—Catholic University at Brookland.
April 1—Cornell University at College Park.
April 2—Cornell University at College Park.
April 5—William and Mary at College Park.
April 10—Johns Hopkins at Baltimore.
April 12—West Virginia University at College Park.
April 17—Gallaudet College at Kendall Green.
April 19—Harvard University at College Park.
April 20—Tufts College at College Park.
April 21—Baltimore Polytechnic Institute at College Park.
April 24—Mt. St. Joseph's at Baltimore.
April 30—Dickinson at College Park.
May 8—St. John's College at Annapolis.
May 15—Gallaudet at College Park.
May 19—Rock Hill College at College Park.
May 22—Western Maryland at Westminster.
May 28—Washington College at College Park.
May 29—St. John's College at College Park.

Kenneth Knode, of the Junior class, is captain of the team. He has played shortstop for three years and is rated as one of the best college men in the State. Of last year's nine there are back, besides Knode, Mess, catcher; Derrick, outfielder, and Dearstyne, second base. Derrick is being developed into a pitcher, which makes it necessary to turn out an entirely new outfield, a very difficult task when the capabilities of the one of 1914 are considered.

BASEBALL TEAM.

This is the squad representing the College on the diamond this spring. The team is composed mostly of green material, only four members of last year's nine being back, but from the way it has been playing it is reasonable to expect quite a few sucesses before the end of the schedule, notwithstanding that some of the largestt universities in the country appear on it.